
ARENA REPORT

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Welcome to another round of "AR". It looks like you didn't pray enough for the Red Sox. Well, there's always the Celtics! It's getting crunch time around here with the baby watch. Two weeks to go. I can see it now. Right in the middle of the Sid-Sting bout at Halloween Havoc; Cheryl tells me it's time. Hey, she'll probably be doing me a favor. Let's move on to business. I have two live reports this ish. One from Melbourne and the NWA in what was truly a wacky night as you'll see. But I did see a title change that just about no one in the country will hear about. The other live report comes from Orlando and the Whiff. The new doom and gloom federation. Scott Hudson has a special report on the USWA title tourney which he attended in Memphis. He'll have his regular Journal as well. Marianne Ryan snuck in one night to get her notes from the parking lot done. And "Hot Rod" Leighton does it only like he can with his latest "Move". Comments from the recent Saturday Night's Main Event can be found in "Ramblings". Truthfully, the less said about it, the better.

The next issue of Arena Report will be cover dated November 5. If I am a day or two late, please don't punish me with 6 straight hours of ICW wrestling (Sorry Scott.) In that issue we'll take a look at Halloween Havoc and focus on what direction the NWA is headed with the aftermath of that show. Mssrs. Hudson, Terry, and Ginzburg will be by with their respective meanderings and the usual columns will appear as.....usual. We'll take a three week break after that as the Ron and Klon show will hit the road and a 2½ hour trip to J-ville and the Clash on the 20th of November. We copped second row seats for the show, now I just hope it's worth the trip. The year end issue is shaping up nicely. Besides the whole "AR" staff having their columns, we've lined up a virtual who's who of zine people. We'll have contributions from the Observers Dave Meltzer, Matwatches' Steve Beverly, John "Food Report" Lanigan, Rasslin' Riots' Klonster, and Dan Reilly who is the biggest supporter the sheets have (all 60 of them) in this country. (Actually, Steve Sims is probably tied.) If there is a sheet out there, I bet Dan & Steve get it. That should come out the week before Xmas.

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NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE
Thursday, October 11, 1990
Melbourne Auditorium
Melbourne, FL

--Before the card began, Gordon Solie came out and announced that Gary Michael Cappetta was stranded at Hartsfield Airport in Atlanta along with the world champion Sting. (I guess he thought he'd just slip that in there.) Made the fans real happy. He said they'd try to get here but didn't promise anything. But, he said. This past Monday night in St. Louis, the Midnight Express won the U.S. tag belts from the Steiners. (Really, and I thought they were taping TV in Marietta. How silly of me.) And they would defend them tonight here in Melbourne. Kevin Von Erich could see where this was going. To hype this absurd idea, they had Jim Cornette come out and do an interview saying they wanted this to be a non-title match. Solie said no way. Did they make

the fans forget about Sting. Let's move on and we'll find out.

Opening Match

The Juicer beat Kamikazee in 8:35 with a Thesz press from the top rope. The masked man was David Sierra who is trying to break Jack Victory's record for most aliases. Juicer was over good and in one spot was hip tossing Sierra consecutively and he hip tossed the ref. Funny bit. * After the match, the fans were chanting "We want Sting".

2nd Match

Tommy Rich pinned Pat Rose with the Thesz press in 12:58. Stupid to have two guys doing the same finish. They turned the heat up in this one. Decent brawling outside the ring. * $\frac{1}{2}$ Chant of "We want Sting" went up again.

3rd Match

Terry Taylor defeated Dutch Mantell in 7:50 of a God-awful match. No excuse and if Terry works like this more often, he can go hide in Vince's egg and reappear on Turkey Day for all I care. Won with a sunset flip when the ref kicked Dutch's hands off the ropes. Mantell was flapping his arms in reference to the Rooster. After the match, (Besides the Sting chant.) Dutch told the crowd he'll never appear in Melbourne again. Neither will the whole NWA. $\frac{1}{4}$ *

Tag Team Match

Master Blasters over Tim Horner & Tom Zenk in 11:53. Better than expected. Steel has some nice sized lifts in his boots. Al Greene took a nice bump over the top from a Zenk clothesline but he popped back up like nothing happened. Way to ruin a spot. Horner and Zenk kept the match fast paced but the ending was abysmal. Greene suplexed Horner and Steel came in to pin him. ** "We want Sting".

--It was now intermission and Klon said the people looked like they would riot if Sting didn't show. He should know. It's his steamy hometown. I was shocked when Gordon came out and announced that Sting had just arrived and he would defend his title. He also said the Midnights would still defend their belts. Ah, they backed themselves into a corner with that one.

5th Match

El Gigante beat Dr. X (Randy Culley) in 2:07. The giant did a Samba Simba dance to the ring. Hardly shuckin' and jivin'. Two forearms to the back and a foot to the face off the ropes. Over. Negative as many stars as you can count.

U.S. Tag Team Championship

The Steiner Brothers regained (How goofy this is to type.) the belts beating The Midnight Express in 14:38. Cornette popped some kid in the crowd with his racquet. Good enough for the little twit. First 8 minutes were great comedy. James E. put his jacket on inside out and also wanted to square off with Terry Garvin graduate ref Bill Alphonso. Bet Jim would have won. Scott dropped Bobby on his head during a tilt a whirl slam attempt. Two great false finishes with Midnights on top. Rick steinerline Bobby and pinned him and the place popped. So what happens when the fans watch TBS and the title change in St. Louis and Melbourne aren't acknowledged? They lose more fans. Express did a good false breakup afterwards.*** $\frac{1}{2}$

NWA World Heavyweight Championship

Sting retained his title beating the Black Scorpion via count out in 5:20. Sting tore the mask off and Scorp took off to the dressing room. How can anyone take that Starcade main event seriously? I was told it was Irwin under the hood but gosh it looked like Jimmy Backlund. *

Notes

They sold out the 1,400 seat building and sold a couple hundred standing room only. Although the U.S tag match was a fiasco, it was an okay card. I'm easily pleased I guess. Must be all those years from living in the north-east and not seeing the NWA live.....They had gaul though. They were taking \$3 from kids for painting their faces like Sting knowing he may not show up. It was also Sting watch night. They did have a sign saying Sting would not be here. Can you imagine if people turned around and went home and then found out he showed up? Can't win I guess.....Sting really did have a problem getting out of Bluefield, WV the night before.....On my way home from Melbourne I ran over a deer and waited three hours for Fl state's finest to show up for an accident report. All this hassle for wrestling.

WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

Saturday, October 13, 1990

Orlando Arena

Orlando, FL

Opening Match

Koko Ware pinned Boris Zhukov in 9:26 after a dropkick from the top rope. Chants of U.S.A. and comedy with Koko slapping Zhukov's crome dome. $\frac{1}{2}$ * for the dropkick.

2nd Match

Battle Kat beat Jim Brunzell in 12:40. A scientific match but boy, was it unbearable. Boring chants started too quickly but as time went on they were justified. First 10:00 were rest holds and when they started working they might as well have gone back to taking it easy. Brady Boone (Battle Kat) won with a pin that is hard to describe but they messed that up too. -**

3rd Match

Rick Martel defeated Tito Santana in 11:44 with his feet on the corner buckles for leverage. Didn't they use this finish in their first go round? Martel was a sub for Barbarian who at this time, I'm not sure what the deal is. Tito hit a great flying jalapeno and thought he won. Rick cradled him from behind but Santana kicked out at two in a good false finish. $*\frac{1}{4}$

Return Tag Team Match

Bushwhackers over Pat Tanaka & Mr. Fuji in 11:55. Sato was in Japan negotiating for Vince. Bad comedy as when the japs bowed to each other they konked heads. Three stoogerish if I ever saw it. Pat took some nice bumps but he couldn't save it. The Whackers used their battering ram on the stooge. -*

Inter-Continental Championship

Mr. Perfect Curt Hennig beat Kerry Von Erich via count out in 4:17. Look at that time. What a ripoff. These guys were so out of sync. How long have they been doing this match? Kerry looked out of it beyond belief. He must be slipping something to his babysitter. Curt rammed Kerry into the ringpost for the count out. $*3/4$ and that's generous.

Main Event-Six Man Tag Match

Ultimate Warrior & Legion of Doom over Demolition in 10:53. Good action. A better match than we'd see later on Main Event. Fans popped for faces entrances. Roadies glared at Warrior when he was hogging the heat. Animal actually did a belly to belly on Ax. Finish saw Warrior splash Smash for the win. $**\frac{1}{2}$

Notes

Crowd was around 5,800 which is good compared to everywhere else. They return 12/10 which is the night before Superstars taping in Tampa. The line-up in Orlando is: Bravo-Tugboat, Demo-Rockers, Rude-Boss Man (Can't believe they're billing Rude. Just gives him more ammo.) and Hogan-Earthquake. Should do decent. Can I handle the WWF two nights in a row? We'll see.

Ramblings

Before slicing into the juice this issue, a couple of notes. Marianne Ryan's column appears twice in this ish due to a layout screwup on my part. I didn't think you'd be able to read the column on page 7, so I put it on the back page again. Thanks for your forgiveness. Also, you may notice that the "Leighton Move" isn't anywhere to be found. Lack of communication on my part to Rodney caused that snafu. So "Hot Rod" will appear in the next two issues of "AR".....The major news continues to come from the WWF where layoffs and walkoffs have been occurring. It seems that cost cutting may not be the only reason Titan is going through these transactions. Vince may actually be concerned with his in ring product. He will be bringing in between 8-10 guys from other feds to try them out. If they work decent and the fans take a liking to them, they've got a job. But if he doesn't find enough to fill the gaps, he'll bring back the guys he pink slipped.....Rick Martel and Shawn Michaels were told at the last tapings to suit up and work or "you're fired". Both did work and they came back earlier than they were supposed to.....Akeem's walking out coincided with an incident in a dressing room with Pat Patterson with Pat looking the worse for wear.....Blackjack Lanza was one of the casualties in the front office.....Vince also gave the boys a stern lecture on staying out of bars. The reasons for that are two fold. One is the problems they've been having lately with brawls etc. The other is that Vince doesn't want the boys talking to people. (Hardcores.).....Interesting to note what Terry Taylor had to say to Marianne. Guess that's how messed up the NWA is.....Hulk Hogan telling people on the movie set that he has talked to his lawyers about getting out of his contract with Titan.....Rick Rude still being billed everywhere. That's it Vince. Put the screws to the fans one more time.....Looks like Power & Glory may get the straps. Ax isn't happy with a front office job offer and it's well known that Ole would take Eadie back as Masked Superstar in a second.. With Neidhart leaving I guess they'll push Bret as a single. Should be decent.....With Robert Gibson out of action for at least 6 months, look for Tommy Rich to fill in at the PPV. They should stick Pillman in there....Austin Idol called the NWA looking for a job. They should take him.....Muta & Chono set to appear at the tag tourney in STARCADE.....Southern Boys-Midnights match added to the Clash on 11/20.....Buddy Landell reduced to a jobber as he saw the lights for Italian Stallion in Bluefield, WV last week.....The NWA will put the blame on the Freebirds for Gibson's injury so Morton will feud with the Birds. They're dropping the feud with the injuns.....Why do I always need an aspirin after watching a Teddy Long interview? Stop bouncing up and down damnit.....NWA has done a great job of building up the four main matches at Havoc. (Even though we've seen the angles 1,000 times.) But for some reason, I'm looking forward to watching Moondog vs. JYD than Sid-Sting. But I did hear that the main should be a decent match as they've worked the whole thing out. Still, they have to execute.....NWA jobber Rick Fargo (real name Arthur Lefler) was arrested on Saturday night in Atlanta for allegedly killing a preacher while DUI. He was also charged with possession of marijuana and evading police. Fargo worked part time at a strip club in Atlanta.....Klon has come down with a severe case of Herb Abrams disease. He insists that the Black Scorpion is Florida legend Bobby Shane. Maybe he and Brody will team up.....How many of you noticed that Nick Patrick is now being referred to as senior referee.....What grade education does the guy who set up the states listing the PPV cable companies on WCW have. "Road" Island. I thought it was Rhode Island. Well, they must be right. They haven't changed it in three weeks.....Not much to say about the recent SNME. Especially when I thought Slaughter-Koko was the best match. The food fight was sickening but you come to expect those skits.


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NEWS AND NOTES: Highlights from the undercard saw good to great matches involving Funk vs. Keirn, Hussein vs. Jarrett, Funk vs. Brown, White Boy vs. Keirn, Funk vs. Lawler, and the Idol vs. Lawler final..On the other hand, Slater vs. Gaylord and Slater vs. Lawler were very poor matches..Downtown Bruno managed Mean Mark Callous..Valiant looks to have lost at least 40 pounds. He almost looks sick..Funk vs. Brown and Idol vs. Tatum both ended up in the stands with the latter involving trash cans and the like..Murdoch did a kip-up, a dropkick, and an enzuigiri during his match with Samurai..Gilbert vs. Jarrett was decided by a coin toss after a 10:00 draw finish of what was supposed to be a 15:00 time limit..During Gilbert vs. Idol, Gilbert offered Idol money in several increments, topping off at "\$60,000.00" to forfeit the match and allow Gilbert to advance. Idol won the match when Sam Lowe threw in the towel (so Eddie did not have to do the job)..OTHER STUFF: Sapphire sat one row behind Steve Prazak, Steve Beverly, Boni Blackstone, and me. She fell asleep during Mean Mark vs. Lawler and left the building when she woke up..The tournament will be shown as the next 5 weeks of the USWA syndicated package hosted by Craig Johnson, Dave Brown, and Joe Pedicino..Brown only hosted the first two hours as he had to leave at 9:45PM to do the 10:00PM weather forecast for WMC-TV..Since Chris Adams has left both the USWA and World Class, Bill Dundee (of Soopeztahbihdundsrezzlinsool) will take his place on the USWA Hotline 900 number..Jerry Lawler is about to launch his own 900 number,however it will be available only in the metropolitan Memphis area. This is why Dundee and not Lawler is taking Adams place..Jeff Jarrett was announced as the Southern Heavyweight Champion and did have the strap. He defeated Dick Slater for the belt in Nashville, Tennessee, however, Slater never won the title. He was given the strap to lose to Jarrett so Jeff could take the title from a "star" ..Brian Lee & Don Harris went through the "We quit / you can't quit because you're fired" thing with booker Eddie Gilbert and are now gone. The current champs, tag team wise, of the USWA are Doug Gilbert & The Dirty White Boy who defeated Joey Maggs & Rex King in Memphis earlier this weekend..Joe Pedicino, Craig Johnson, Boni Blackstone, Steve Beverly, Steve Prazak, and I were up until 2:00AM eating breakfast at a Kettle restaurant near downtown Memphis. Never having met Johnson, I was very impressed with his sense of humor and his knowledge of the business, having been in it for such a short period of time. If he sticks around, he will be a name to watch in the TV wrestling announcing game..Thanks to Steve Prazak for driving from Atlanta to Memphis and back.(Hey Steve, get some sleep!)..If you get a chance, go see Graceland in Memphis..Later

SCOTT HUDSON'S.....

GEORGIA WRESTLING JOURNAL

AND NOW, A PERSONAL NOTE IF YOU WILL. Thanks awfully for reading this, the eighth issue of the Georgia Wrestling Journal. Now back to Jim Ross. Jim..?

CENTER STAGE THEATER (10-09-90) N.W.A. TV TAPINGS FOR AIR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 27, 1990. World Championship Wrestling: The Southern Boys over Bill Ford & Chuck Coates..Ricky Morton & Tommy Rich over Joe Cazanna & Itallion Stallion..J.W. Stormm over Terrance Blalock..Z-Man over Tom Burke (Tom Burton)..Mike Rotunda & Tim Horner over The State Patrol..Allen Iron Eagle over Tom Andrews..Barry Horowitz over Tommy Angel..Junkfood Dog & El Gig-Andre over El Diablo & The Kamikazee (David Sierra)..Mother Trucker Norm over Keith Hart..NEWS AND NOTES: The angle to begin the Midnight Express vs Southern Boys feud is in this hour as Dennis Brent presents a "Wrestling Wrap-Up Achievement Award" to the Boys and Cornette comes out to take exception to the Boys getting it. As Cornette asks Armstrong if he would hit a man with glasses, Steve grabs him and says "No, but I would push you down on your big fat ass!" Please keep in mind, however, that mags with ads for blow-up love dolls cannot send photographers to the NWA as the NWA is "a form of family entertainment" (maybe the Manson Family)..The Renegade Warriors accompany Iron Eagle to the ring and begin a feud with the Freebirds which aired the weekend of the 20th..El Gig-Andre looked much better than I remembered, almost to the point of being passable. (ATT: 700)

THE OMNI COLISEUM (10-14-90) The Juicer pinned Barry Horowitz using the flying Thesz press in 10:29 *..Mother Trucker pinned Dutch Mantell after Brian Pillman told the ref that Dutch used the ropes on a previous three count. Oddly, Trucker used the ropes when he got the pin. The world yawns, although Dutch was hilarious with his "I'm never, never coming back to Atlanta"schtick. 5:50 ½*..Brad Armstrong defeated J.W. Stormm after the ref reversed the decision following Stormm's tainted win (using the trunks) in 8:49 *¾..Junkyard Dog pinned Iron Sheik using the feared headbutt to the back in 4:51 -**..The Black Scorpion (Bill Irwin) pinned Brian Pillman using the foot-on-the-rope for the pin. A ref bump prevented Pillman from getting the pin. 4:10 **..Rufus R. Jones & Porkchop Cash defeated Dick Steinborn & Bill Dromo when Rufus hit Steinborn with an enzuigiri followed by a Shooting Star Press by Porkchop in :42 ****½..Rick & Scott Steiner defeated The Nasty Boys as Scott pinned Nobbs. Both teams were really on and each did every spot in their repitoire (except for the Frankensteiner) and crammed it all into 3:05 *** ..Lex Luger pinned Sid Vicious with a cradle from a body slam attempt. 14:09 *..Get this, Doom and Arn Anderson & Ric Flair went to a Double Disqualification in a Texas Tornado match. How you can be DQ'd in that kind of match is beyond me. The match was just OK but was still the second best match on the card **½..NEWS AND NOTES: No, there really wasn't a Cash & Jones vs. Steinborn & Dromo match. It must have been a dream..The NWA returns on Thanksgiving Night to the Omni with no announced matches.. This card was changed three different times in the last three weeks which may account for the low crowd..Tell Jeff Zinger that the Iron Sheik's daughter & two of her "Hot Love Babes From Hell" friends sat near us and makes "Girl" (Nancy Sullivan 's daughter) look like death..I have seen the letter guaranteeing Joe Pedicino a \$25 million line of credit to start a promotion. At least that much is true by my own eyes..More later from here.. (ATT.AT OMNI: 2000)

THE LAST WORD...

CANDIDATES TO BE THE NEXT BLACK SCORPION:

- 1.) Aldo Bogni, 2.) Jacko Victory, 3.) Baron Michael Sicluna, 4.) El Mongol, 5.) Jerry Valiant, 6.) Victor Rivera, 7.) Jake Milliman, 8.) Ed Whalen, 9.) Kimala

By
Marianne Ryan

Haven't seen too many parking lots this month. I think I just needed a small break from the wonderful world of wrestling. As such, this month I have assorted opinions, suggestions, quips and completely meaningless, but hopefully interesting things to share with all of you.

For several months the beginning of the year, the NWA avoided Chicago. The reason for that, according to the NWA, was that they were unable to successfully promote upcoming matches with no television coverage. That was odd since every Sunday, you could spend two hours in front of your television set watching World Championship Wrestling on channel 66. My guess is that they realized it wasn't worth the time or trouble, or cost when the average crowd was under 2,500. During the summer, the NWA began returning to the Pavilion. The crowds haven't been much better, but then again the WWF has only been drawing around 4,000 to 5,000. Starting this past week-end, the NWA debuted on WGN-TV, channel 9, a superstation similar to WTBS. And with Halloween Havoc coming up, I am starting to think there just may be hope for these guys.

Of course, there will be stiff competition for Sting and his buddies. The WWF is in town the same night with the best card the Horizon has seen since last Winter. Ultimate Warrior defends against hometown favorite Randy Savage, the Hart Foundation takes on Rhythm & Blues, Ted DiBiase tackles Dusty Rhodes, and the Big Boss Man goes up against whoever is filling in for the recently departed Rick Rude.

So while there's lots to look forward to early in the evening, it's what will be happening after that I'm interested in. There is a major Halloween party planned for Stay Out, the bar the wrestlers go to here in Chicago. I know several of the guys in the WWF and NWA are making plans to get together there. It will be a wild time. And I'm due for one. The last wild time I had was going out to a downtown dance club with Terry Taylor. It was great, food and drinks on the house, and a chance to talk to my ex-pal. Interestingly enough, Terry says if he knew then what he knows now, he wouldn't have left the WWF.

Anyway, did any of you catch how Barry

O's long absence from the WWF was explained? One of the announcers said Barry just completed a successful world tour. I wonder if the prison guards ever realized he was gone?

Have you ever seen the Spanish version of the WWF. Super Estralla de WWF is almost better than the real stuff (even Evan could watch this). Miguel Alonso and Pedro Morales are the hosts, and the interviews alone are worth watching (I have several hours of them on tape if anyone is interested). There is also a French version for the folks in Quebec, but Raymond Rougeau does it. Don't think I could quite stomach that, but at least Raymond is a little easier to handle than Jacques.

I feel bad for Haku. In recent weeks he's had two TLD's against Koko B Ware and Shane Douglas, and Kerry Von Erich put him away awfully quick on Saturday Night's Main Event. Looks like his light bulb is starting to dim a bit. On the other hand, Koko and Shane are getting pushed a bit more these days.

From the look of Dusty Rhodes new hat and cape, he's turning to voodoo as a way to get back at DiBiase. I wonder if he has a DiBiase wrestling buddy he sticks pins into?

And finally, two lists for you. First, those people who could disappear into a black hole and never be missed (by me at least): Earthquake, Dino Bravo, Tugboat, Ronnie Garvin, Hillbilly Jim, Bushwhackers, Sgt. Slaughter, Nikolai Volkoff, Tommy Rich and Buddy Landell. Secondly, those people for some strange reason I like: Honky Tonk Man, Mr. Fuji, Barbarian, Arn Anderson and Jim Cornette. I wonder what all this says about me. I'll let you figure that out. Have a good month.

Didn't need to add this column on back page as it came out fine. They are inducing labor tomorrow (Tues) so by the time you get this, I'll be a DADDY!!!

Correspondent's Corner

Omaha Civic Auditorium (WWF)

Omaha, NE

October 6, 1990

Correspondent: Bruce Grummert

1) Koko Ware beat The Genius with a piledriver. After the match, Koko yanked Poffo's wig off revealing a nylon stocking covering his head. 2) Sgt. Slaughter made Nic Volkoff submit to the camel clutch. 3) Barbarian upended Jim Brunzell with a powerslam in 6:00. 4) Orient Express downed the Bushwhackers in 12:00 as Fuji hit Butch with his cane. 5) Brooklyn Brawler bested Barry O in the best bout on the card. 6) Curt Hennig defeated Kerry Von Erich via count out in a decent match which saw them brawl on their way back to the dressing room. 7) Legion of Doom & Ultimate Warrior once again beat Demolition with the same finish of Warrior splashing Smash. Att: 4,747

USF Sundome (WWF)

Tampa, FL

October 8, 1990

Correspondent: Shannon Rose

1) Davey Boy Smith beat Paul Diamond with a running powerslam. 2) Jimmy Snuka pinned Haku. 3) Sgt. Slaughter over Nicolai Volkoff. 4) Hart Foundation retained their tag straps beating Valentine & Honkey in a reverse decision. 5) Warlord over Bob Bradley. 6) Mr. Perfect beat Kerry via count out. 7) Same six man as above card in Omaha.

Providence Civic Center (WWF)

Providence, RI

October 14, 199

Correspondent: Louie Fortuna

1) Koko Ware pinned Conquistador #1 after a dropkick from the middle rope in

13:15. 2) Rick Martel pinned Tito Santana using the corner turnbuckles at 10:46
3) Bushwhacker Luke beat Pat Tanaka in 11:46 as Butch hooked Pat's ankle coming off the ropes. Luke followed with an elbow smash. 4) Hennig over Kerry. This is getting redundant. 5) Boris Zhukov beat Jose Luis Rivera in 10:18 with a full nelson DDT. Rivera doing double duty. 6) Road Warriors over Demolition Ax and Smash in a steel cage match at 5:58. Ultimate no showed due to his wife being ill. Worse cage bout Louie has seen. Att: 3,000

Tampa Sportatorium (PWF)

Tampa, FL

October 18, 1990

Correspondent: Shannon Rose

1) Coconut Kid beat Mike DeBacco. 2) Ron Slinker over Johnny Pavros. 3) Terminator pinned Tim Parker. 4) Mighty Thor over Jimmy Backlund via DQ for throwin Thor over the top. Backlund was then suspended for kicking ref Micky Jay in the throat. 5) Steve Keirn & Terminator beat Ron Slinker & Lebanese Assassin.

Letters To "AR"

Clash XII

After watching Clash XII, two matches stood out in my mind. The first one was the Master Blasters vs. Tim Horner & Brad "Candy Ass" Armstrong. The highlight of this match was Iron's headbutt attempt. I'm glad cueball was fired and replaced by Al Greene. I have a few questions over these two. What's Al Greene's Master Blaster name? Was Steele one of the Undertakers? Have either of the Master Blasters had any previous wrestling experience? Do you think they will be around at this time next year?

The second match was Nasty Boys vs. Terry Taylor & Jackie Fulton. Except for Taylor's mediocre showings, the workrate for this match was decent. It surprised me that the Nasties won on a clean pin.

I have a question about the Marietta tapings for the weekend of September 28. At those tapings, the Nasties beat Candy Ass & Lou Perez. Later on, they beat a couple of jobbers whose last names are Carr and Johnson. These names are unfamiliar to me. Can you tell me their last names along with that Watson fella's name?

John Herron
Marble Hill, MO

RL- Al Greene's name is Blade. Steele was not one of the Undertakers and as far as I know, neither had any previous wrestling experience. I highly doubt they will last a year but with todays NWA, you never know. The jobbers's names you asked about are Brian Carr, Dave Johnson, and Snake Watson. Hey John, what do you have against Brad Armstrong?

McMahon

New York has the lowest national score in fitness. A full 70% never work out, except when being chased by muggers. Therefore, I have noticed of late that Vince has been pushing the physique thing to the max on Superstars. The way he went on about Snuka's body (Just look at that vascularization!" Gee Vince, we all got veins...) I'm beginning to wonder about his preferences and if I were a guy, I wouldn't be sitting too close to him, and certainly not in a skirt. Vince's ridiculous, "He must be taking those Hulk Hogan vitamins," is a smart fans' double edged remark if ever there was one. If McMahon thinks people will plunk down money to see bodybuilding on PPV, he's been in the tannir machine too long and its fried his brain. Now, I could see him making some money on fitness apparel, but what normal individual wants to pay double digit figures to see a human stand there and flex their pecs to music? Actually, that is kind of a description of a typical WWF match now that I think of it, but...like amateur wrestling, this sport is enjoyable only for participants.

I wonder if Mr. Morality himself, Ted Turner, realizes that a convicted rapist is about to get over as a hero to kids in one of his companies. Can you imagine how embarrassing this would be if it ever leaked out to major media? Hey, is Macho Man using boot black to dye his hair, or has he been taking grooming lessons from Rocky King?

Teresa DeMarie
Tuckahoe, NY

Harry Speaks

After her recent remarks in "AR" and Sushi, I think Ferk is messing with my mind like the Black Scorpion is messing with Sting's mind.

I think your fears of bad weather in St. Louis for Starcade are unfounded. After the weather for last years' cards, the NWA deserves and will get perfect weather for Starcade. For the card last December 15th we had twelve inches of snow and -8 degrees at match time. For the card in mid March there was a surprise 8 inch snowfall. A local radio station was giving away tickets. Jim Cornette was on and he said you would need a dog sled to pick up the tickets. He then proceeded to say, "Harry White has the only dog sled in St. Louis. Eight of his girlfriends pull the thing." I hope it is not too cold for Marianne Ryan to take notes in the parking lot.

Harry White
St. Louis, MO

The 'Cosmic' Goof

If any "AR" readers hear of someone who won't be needing his or her gall bladder anytime soon, would you please let me know. Recently, I went into surgery at the New Jersey Medical Center to have my appendix removed and, thanks to that suspended "Cosmic Clothesline" columnist of yours, Dr. Jersey Joe Mullins, whose mind was more on HALLOWEEN HAVOC '90 than on my medical needs, I wound up losing my perfectly good gall bladder! Can you imagine the trauma and sheer terror I experienced when, as I was strapped onto the operating table, this "butcher" leered down at me doing his eyes like the "Juicer" and, instead of putting me out with the general anesthesia, he put me to sleep using the "Weaver Lock" instead? Please, don't ever let this madman return to "AR".

Sue M. Tudeth
Jersey City, NJ

Boss Man's Mother Mania

FLASH: Big Bubba Boss Man has worked out a unique deal which permits him to wrestle for both WCW & WWF. A Black Scorpion will be unmasked at STARCADE and revealed as Boss Man's mother, Big Bertha Rogers. Bubba will then race back and forth defending his mother's honor in both promotions until she turns heel on him on WCW, remaining a face in the WWF. She will win the Observer's Rookie of the Year award for 1991 and will cap it all off by replacing both Ole and Pat Patterson which will lead to the inevitable merger of WCW & WWF. Bubba himself will retire to manage his mother.

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After watching the DiBiase-Rhodes angle, I can't be sure it was a shoot. I have to doubt it. I was so focused on watching for Dustin doing some slicin' and dicin' (Compliments to Mr. Blade.) but I couldn't tell. He surely didn't bleed as much as I expected. I thought we'd have the full blood running down the face bit but just soaked hair.....The deeply in love Jeff Zinger (Yeah, right, until someone foxier comes along.) is offering his entire collection of GAG excluding the T-shirt from Hell and the GAG Xmas card. The price is \$10.00 and you can send the order to 541 Devonshire Ave., Woodstock, ONT Canada N4S 5P9.....

A Personal Note (if you please.)

When compiling "Ramblings" I do so on the premise that you all get other newsletters. Thus, I never told the initial story on the WWF layoffs. Just the follow up which you read earlier. I rather not rehash something Dave, Steve Wade, or anyone else has reported. If that was the case, why bother putting a sheet out. Hopefully, no one started reading the story and didn't know what I was talking about. I guess you could call me a supplement to the big three. And that's fine with me because I'm very happy being in that position. So if you ever read something here that is a spin-off from something else, and your not sure what I'm talking about, feel free to write and ask. I'll be glad to answer you. As I step off my soapbox I'd like to thank all of you for making this most enjoyable. I'm looking forward to the future of "AR" and I hope you'll stay along for the ride. See ya.

Ron

Forgotten Note: Today's Orlando Sentinel had a full page article on Jesse Ventura. It was in the sports section and focused on his color commentating for the Tampa Bay Bucs. It also mentioned his wrestling and running for mayor of Brooklyn Park, MN. A real good article with good quotes from "The Body". Now go back to page 5 and join Scott Hudson in Mempho, Tennessee.